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It was J. H. Stocqueler (pseudonym of Joachim Heyward Siddons), editor of the *Englishman*, who first raised the idea of a public library in Calcutta. Finding it take with the upper classes, he had his project placed before a public meeting in the Town Hall. Subscriptions and books came in; Stocqueler was appointed Honorary Secretary; Dr. F. P. Strong, Civil Surgeon of the 24 Parganas, made available the ground floor of his residence. It was here, 13 Esplanade Row, that the Calcutta Public Library was opened to the public on 21 March 1836. There were several kinds of membership, and one became a 'Proprietor' by paying Rs. 300; a marble bust (overleaf) to the first 'Proprietor', Dwarkanath Tagore, erected by the citizens of Calcutta, still stands at the entrance of the National Library.



The library moved temporarily to Fort William in July 1841; and finally to Metcalfe Hall in June 1844. The Hall had been built to do honour to Charles (later Lord) Metcalfe, and was to house a public library. Later the idea of a new library was dropped and the Hall was offered to the Calcutta Public Library; so that from two separate moves came a library, the first of its kind in India.







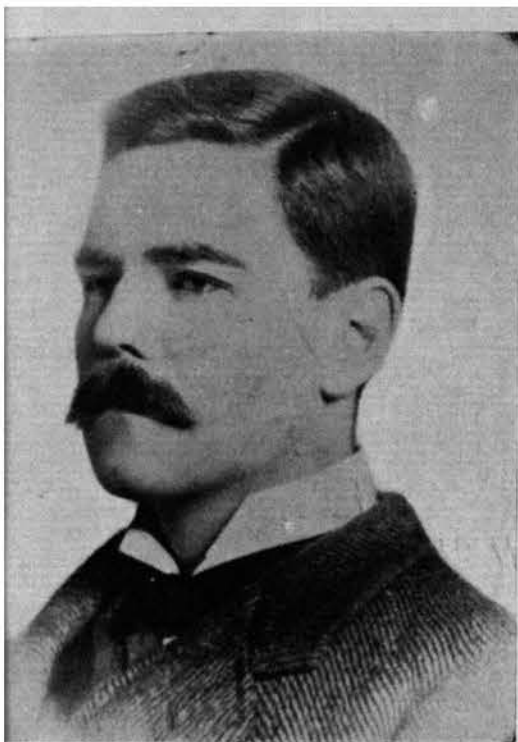
Pyari Chand Mitra, the father of the Bengali novel, was Librarian from 1848 to 1866. He made the library a centre of literary and intellectual activity.

Bipin Chandra Pal was Librarian in 1890-91.





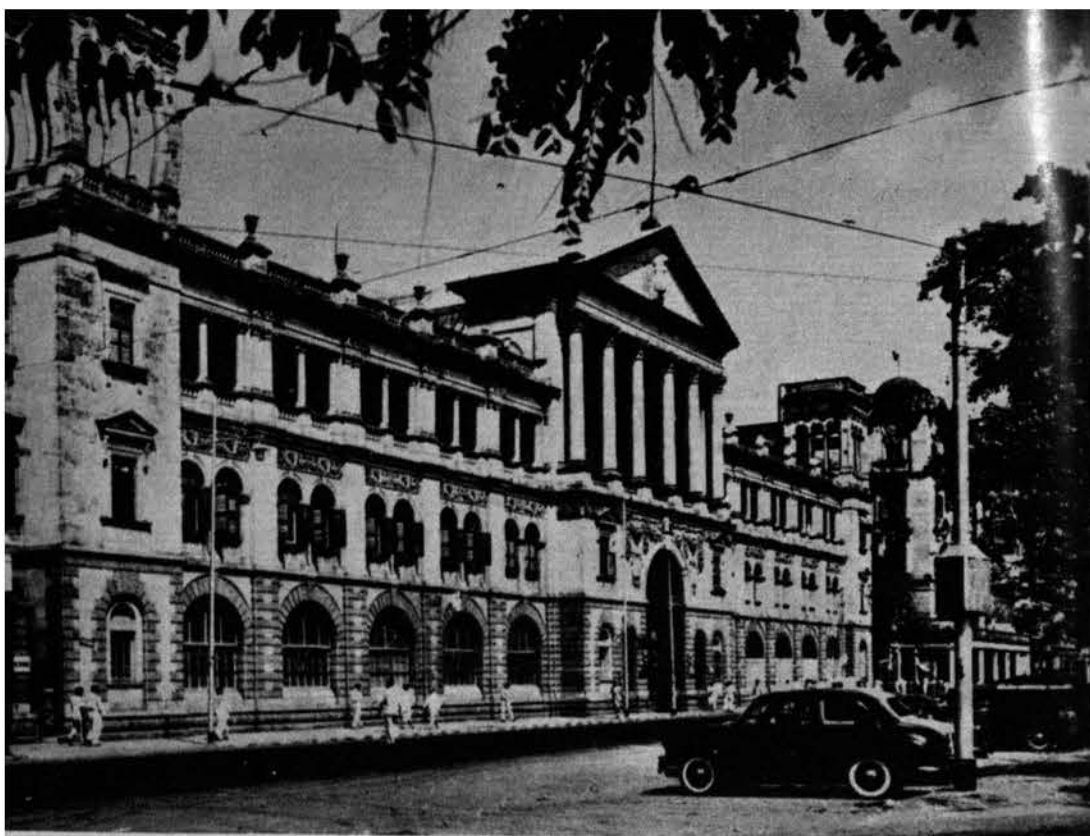
In the last quarter of the century the library fell into poverty and neglect. Visiting the place in 1899, Lord Curzon, Viceroy and Governor-General of India, formed a plan to consolidate its rich collections with those of the official Imperial Library, formed in 1891 by combining a number of secretariat libraries but reserved till then for the use of senior officers of the government. The Imperial Library (Indentures Validation) Act was passed in 1902, and the Imperial Library opened to the public on 30 January 1903 at Metcalfe Hall. In his inaugural speech Lord Curzon said: 'It is intended that it should be a library of reference, a working place for students, and a repository of material for the future historians of India, in which, so far as possible, every work written about India at any time can be seen and read.'



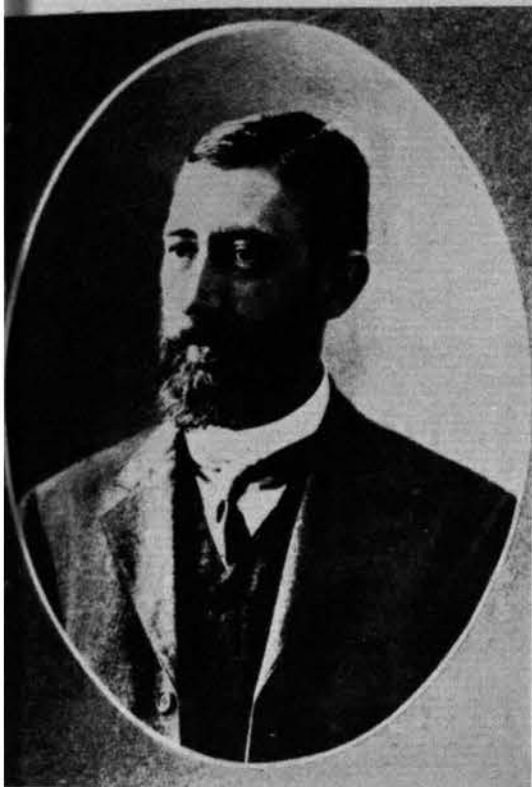
John Macfarlane from the British Museum was the first Librarian (1901-6). He arranged the holdings systematically, initiated the publication of catalogues, and improved the service.

Harinath De, scholar and linguist, Librarian from 1907 to 1911





In 1923 the Imperial Library was shifted from Metcalfe Hall to a portion of the Foreign and Military Secretariat Building at 5 Esplanade East, where the National Library now has a newspaper reading room.



John Alexander Chapman,  
Librarian from 1911 to 1930. He  
made many experiments in how  
books may be preserved in a  
tropical climate.

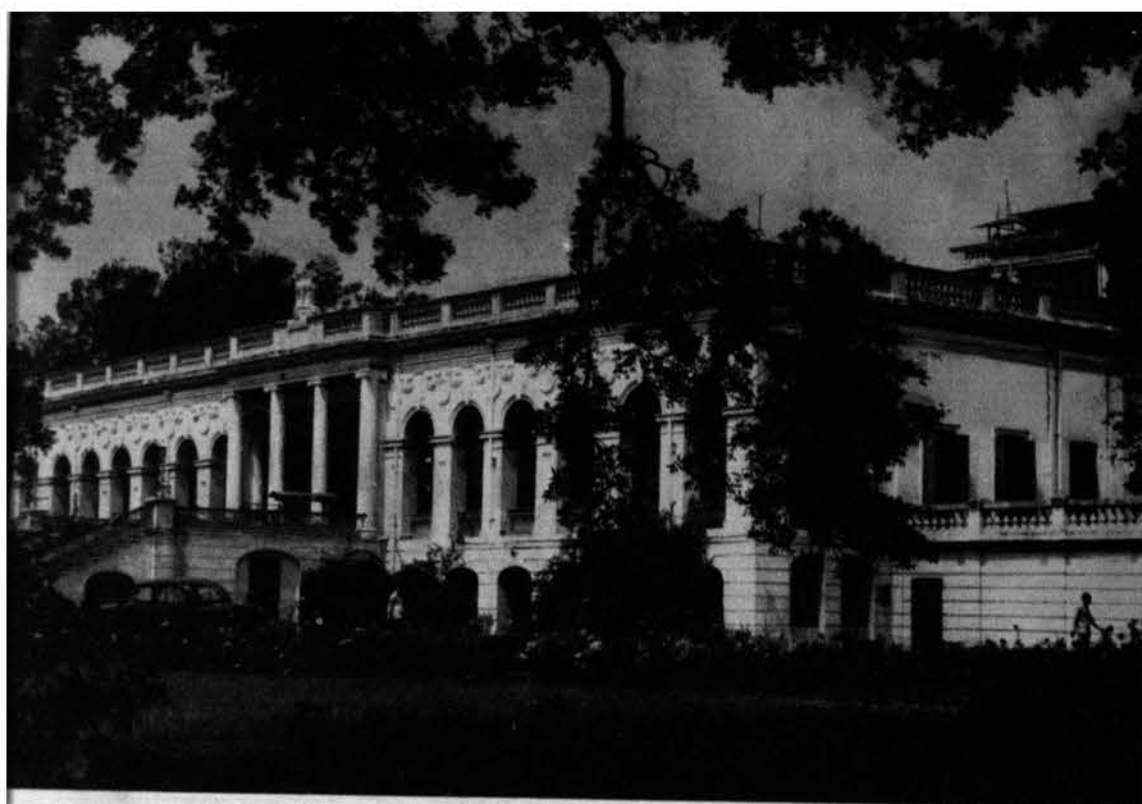


K. M. Asadullah, Librarian  
from 1930 to 1947. He started  
library training classes in 1935.



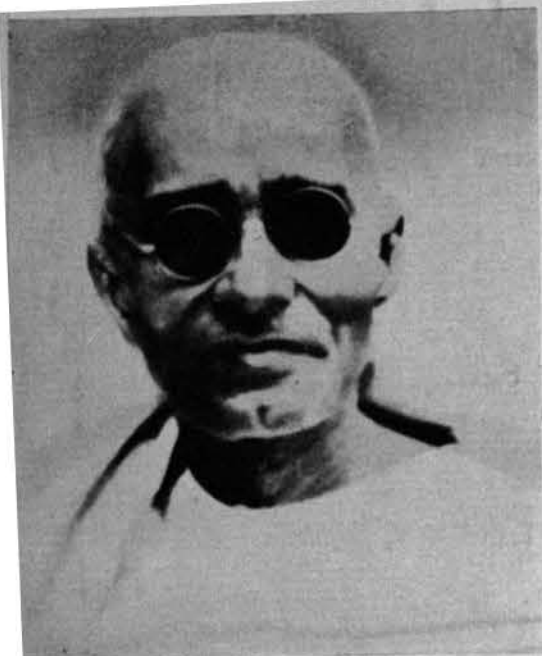
The war made it necessary to shift the library to a private building. Jabakusum House, 34 Central Avenue, was the home of the Imperial Library from February 1942 to 1947. The library returned to 5 Esplanade East in early 1948, and later in the year was shifted to Belvedere.





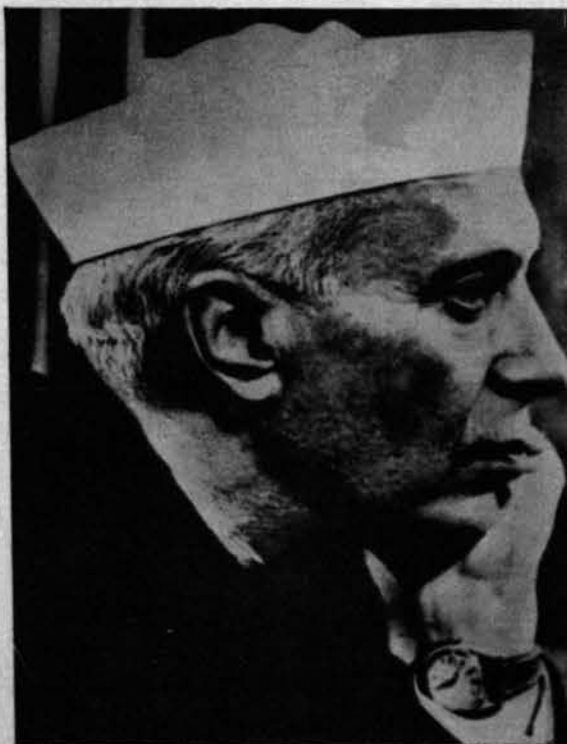
The work of Stocqueler and Curzon and of a series of good librarians had given India something it could call a National Library when it became an independent country. The Imperial Library (Change of Name) Act was passed in 1948 and the National Library came into being.

The Viceregal Lodge with its lovely grounds became the permanent home of the National Library.



The suggestion came from  
C. Rajagopalachari.

'I do not want Belvedere for  
the mere purpose of stacking  
books', said Jawaharlal Nehru.







Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Education, supported the scheme. On 1 February 1953, he formally opened the National Library to the public.

Humayun Kabir, as Secretary and then as Minister for Education, attached himself passionately to the affairs of the library.

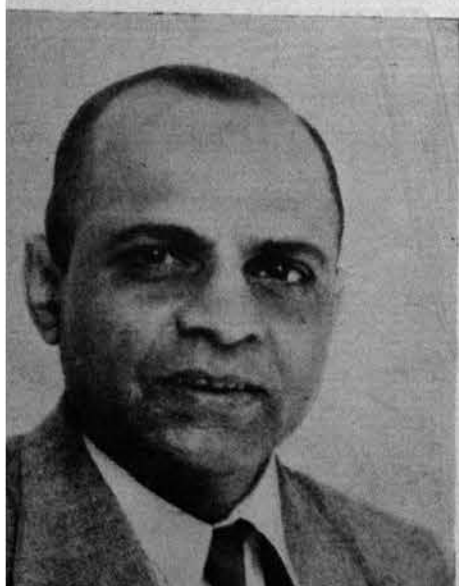


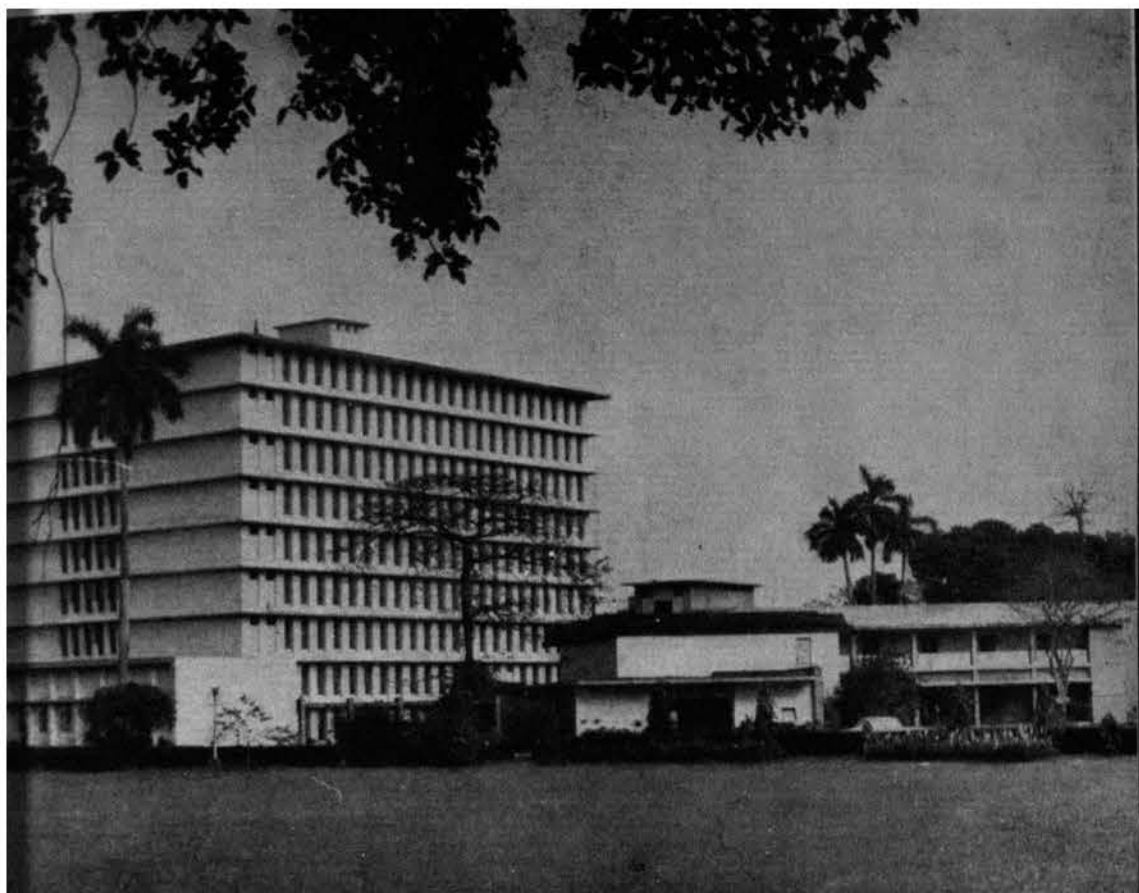


B. S. Kesavan, Librarian from 1948 to 1963, saw the shifting of the library to its new home and gave it much of its present character.

Y. M. Mulay joined as Special Officer in 1947 and became Librarian in 1963.

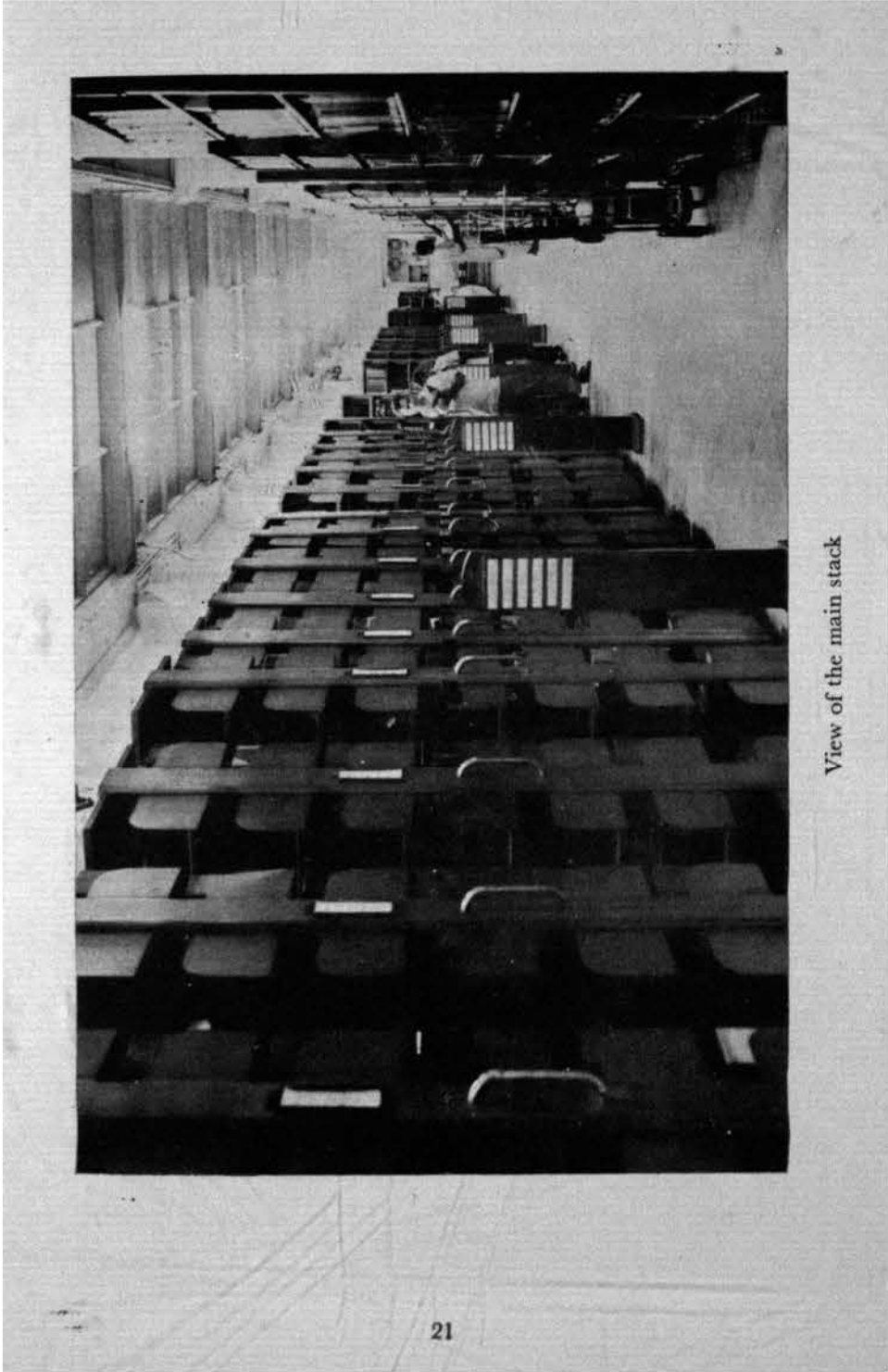
Desraj Kalia was Librarian from November 1967 to August 1970.





As the library developed, the main building at Belvedere was found to be too small, and an Annexe, nine storeys high and with an attached auditorium and canteen, was planned. The foundation stone was laid by Jawaharlal Nehru on 8 May 1961, and the building completed in 1966.

The library has 1.7 million volumes, stored in the main building at Belvedere and in three others—the Annexe, the New Stack, and the Esplanade Reading Room. The main building stores monographs in European and Indian languages. The Annexe houses (a) a variety of material in European languages other than English, in Arabic, Persian and Urdu, and in other languages of Africa and Asia; (b) Indian official documents, British Parliamentary papers, publications of the UN and allied agencies; (c) gazettes and periodicals; and (d) special material like maps, microfilm, and rare books, a reference collection on science and technology, and the Asutosh Collection. The New Stack is used for foreign official documents and UN papers. The Esplanade reading room keeps bound volumes of newspapers.



View of the main stack

The main reading room is open from 9 to 8 on weekdays and from 10 to 5 on Sundays and holidays. It has room for about 350 readers, and special accommodation for 54 research scholars in the alcoves and carrels. It has an open access collection of about 9000 reference books and a corner for Braille books.







Carrels

Alcoves



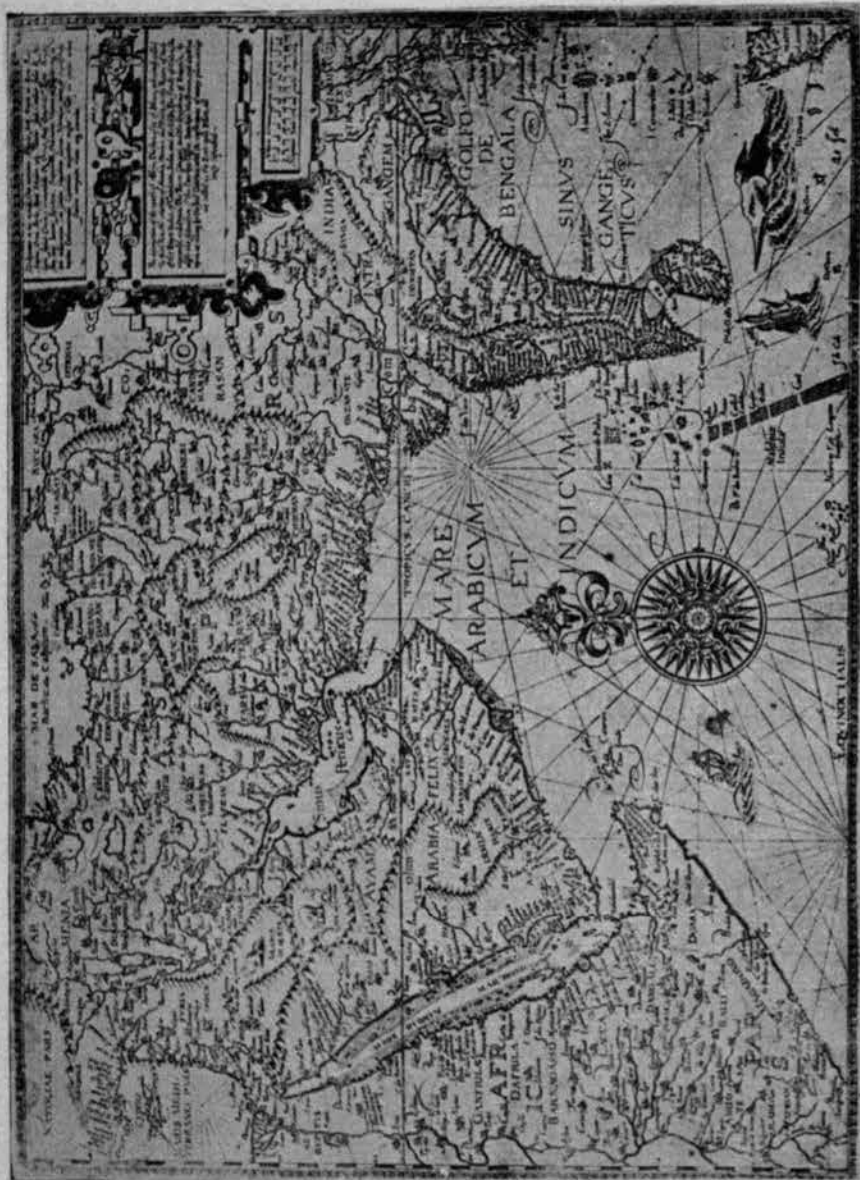


The lending section is in the main building. It is open from 9 to 8 on working days and from 10 to 5 on Sundays and holidays. Two books or six volumes can be borrowed at a time, for a period of two weeks, against deposits covering the price of the books. This section also looks after inter-library and international loan of documents.



The general reading room on the second floor of the Annexe has room for 50 readers.





The maps and prints, and the rare books divisions are open from 10 to 5 on weekdays. The air-conditioned rare books division has room for 25 readers.

# THE HISTORIE OF THE WORLD.

Commonly called,  
THE NATVRALL HISTORIE OF  
C. PLINIVS SECVNDVS.

*Translated into English by PHILEMON HOLLAND  
Doctor of Physicke.*

The second Tome.

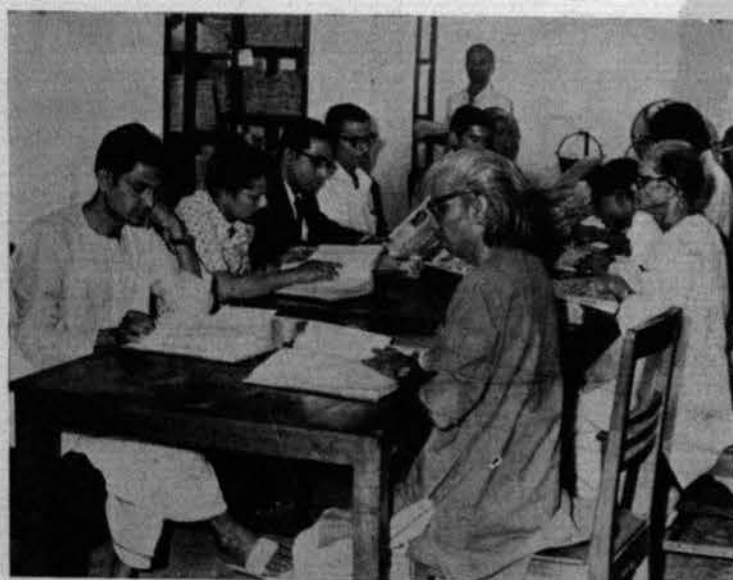


LONDON,  
*Printed by Adam Ifflip.*  
1601.



The open access science and technology division

Current gazettes and newspapers are available on the sixth floor.





On the seventh floor are housed sections devoted to Arabic and Persian, Urdu, and European languages.





The Asutosh Collection on the fourth floor of the Annexe has a reading corner working from 10 to 5.







The children's wing, opened in 1960, was set up as model. It is open from 10 to 5 every day, Sundays and holidays included. The multilingual collection is open access.

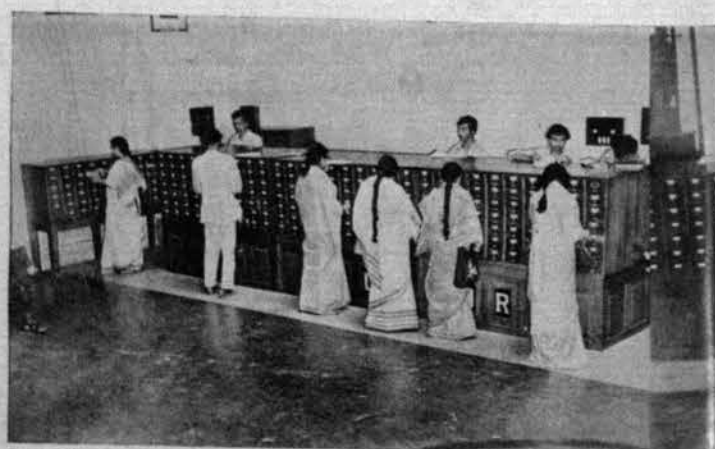


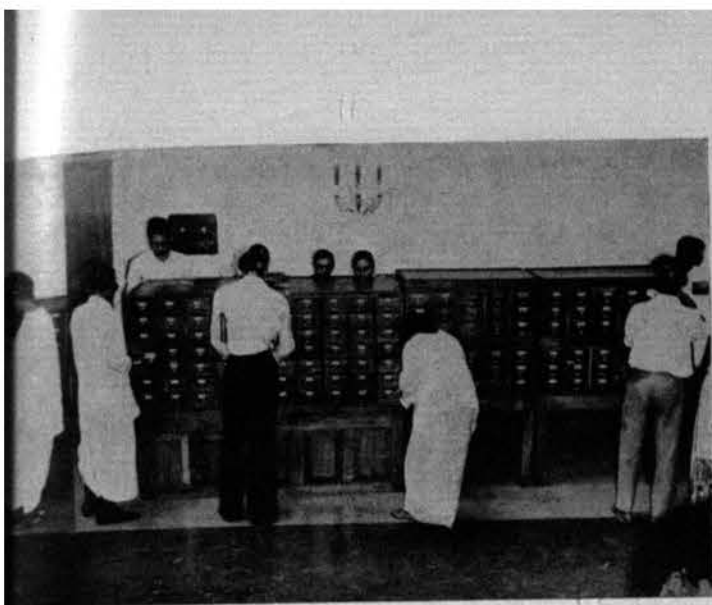
The bibliography division supplies select bibliographies on request to scholars living outside the city.

The reprography division deals with microfilms, photocopies and xerox prints.

The Readers' Hostel is meant for scholars from outside the city. It has room for 8; the charges are Rs. 2 per head per day. No catering is offered.







The Library's catalogues are available in published form and also on cards. A general view of the Card Catalogue Room of the main building.





Printed catalogues and other publications. Descriptive list is at Appendix B

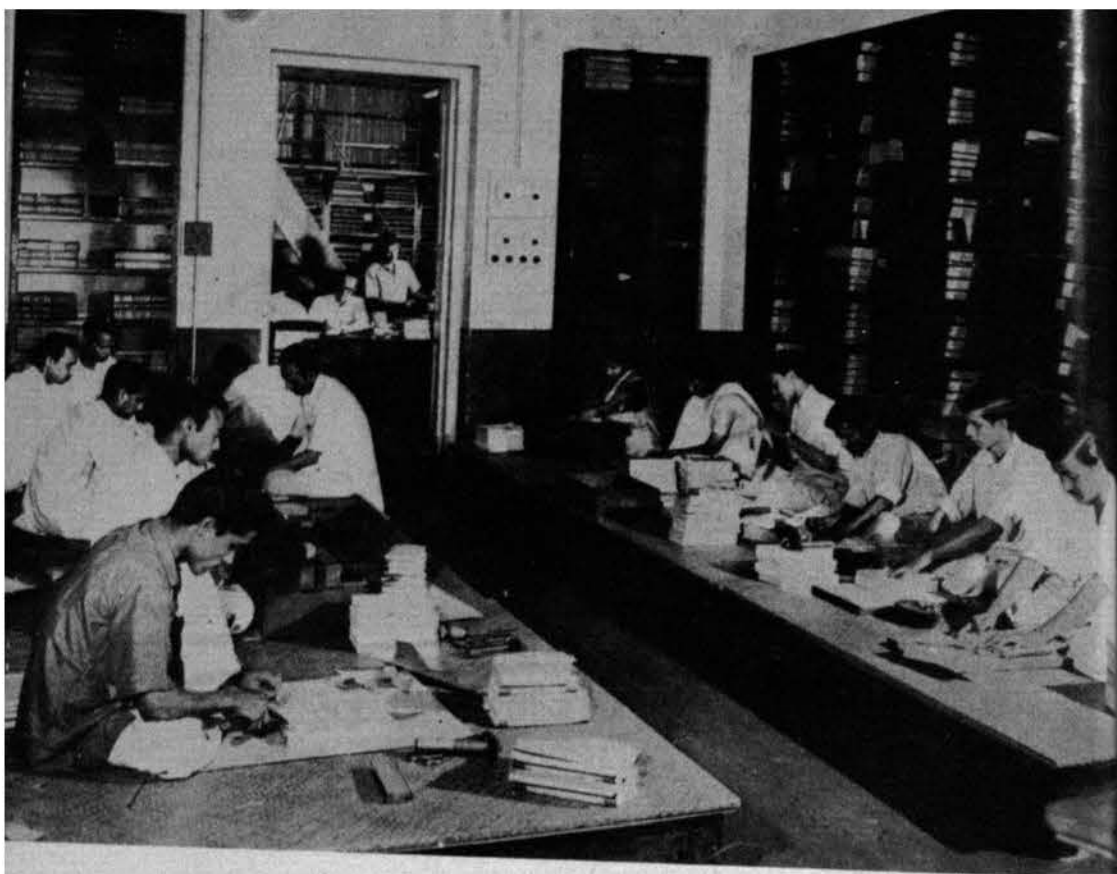




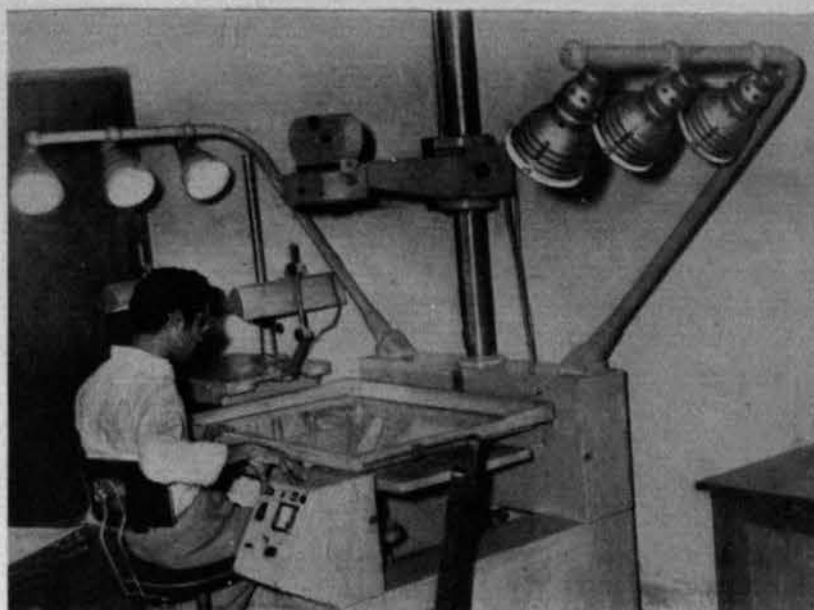
Preservation of rare books is of the greatest importance in a tropical climate. The work is shared by the laboratory,...







...preservation, rare books, and reprography divisions. The processes and methods are: disinfection, fumigation, testing of papers, deacidification, special treatment with preservative mixtures, lamination, mending and binding of documents,...



...microfilming and photo-reproduction, and air-conditioned storage of rare books.

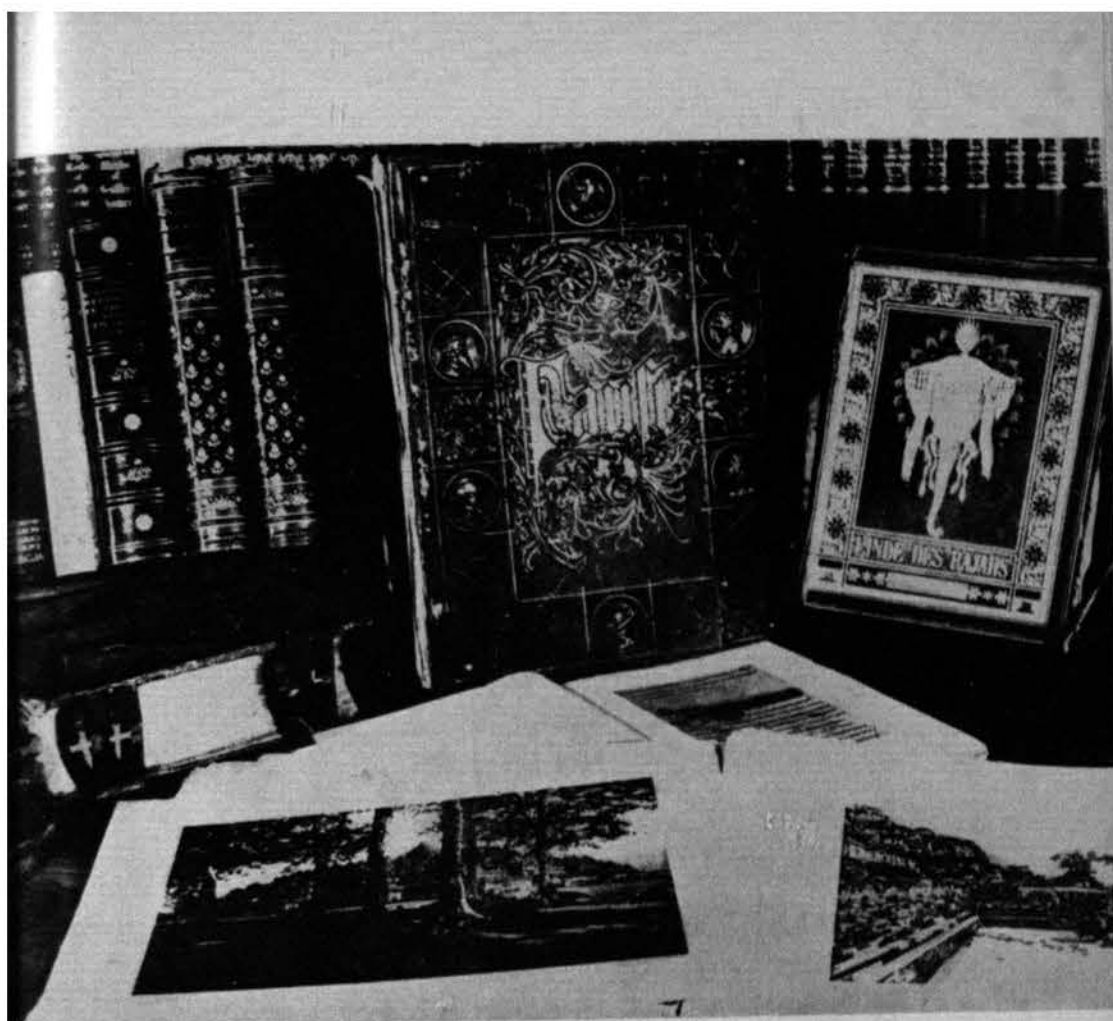


Gifts from individuals and government departments helped to build up the library in its early days. The first two gifts of importance were: the Buhar Collection of books and manuscripts in Arabic, Persian and Urdu from the Zamindar of Buhar (1904), and the Tripura Collection of books from the Maharaja of Tripura.

The government of Bengal offered books received by the government under the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.







The most splendid bequest, the personal collection of Sir Asutosh Mukhopadhyay, came to the library in 1949; the 76,000 volumes cover the whole range of the humanities and the sciences.



Sapru Papers

The example set by the heirs of Sir Asutosh was followed by a number of donors. We have now a series of gift collections in the library: the Ramdas Sen Collection (1950), the Hidyat Hussain Collection (1952), the Tej Bahadur Sapru Papers (1952), the Barid Baran Mukherji Collection (1953),

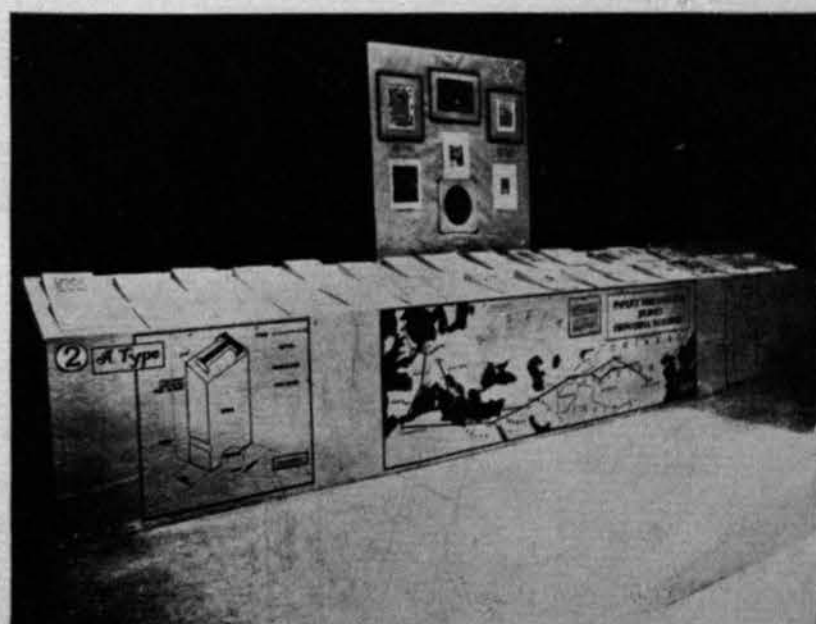
the Zakarya Collection (1953), the Imambara Collection (1956), the Jadunath Sarkar Collection (1959), the Surendranath Sen Collection (1960), the Vaiyapuri Pillai Collection (1960)—to name only a few of the major gift collections. The library also receives a considerable number of books from foreign governments and institutions.

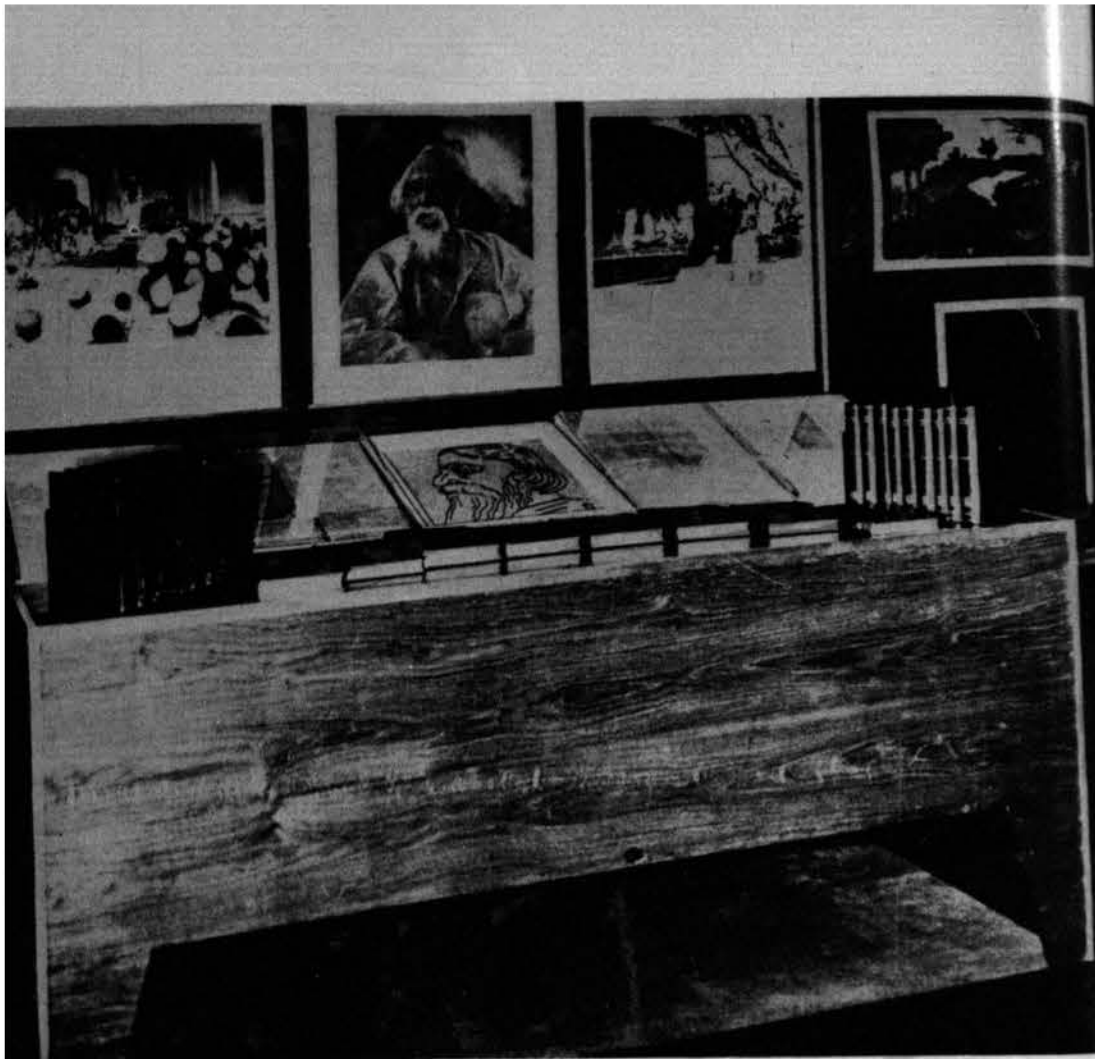






Exhibitions of books, manuscripts and other material are held in the Exhibition Hall of the main building at Belvedere . . .





... These exhibitions are organized on various occasions—the birth or death centenary of an important personality, important dates in Indian history, congresses, conferences and seminars ...





... The exhibition section, with the help of other divisions, looks after the display and layout of exhibits.



# THE INDIAN NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

DECEMBER 1976



The Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Act passed on 21 May 1954 and amended on 29 December 1956 provide that the National Library receive a copy of printed material of any form produced in India, free of cost. The Central Reference Library compiles the Indian National Bibliography on the basis of this material.

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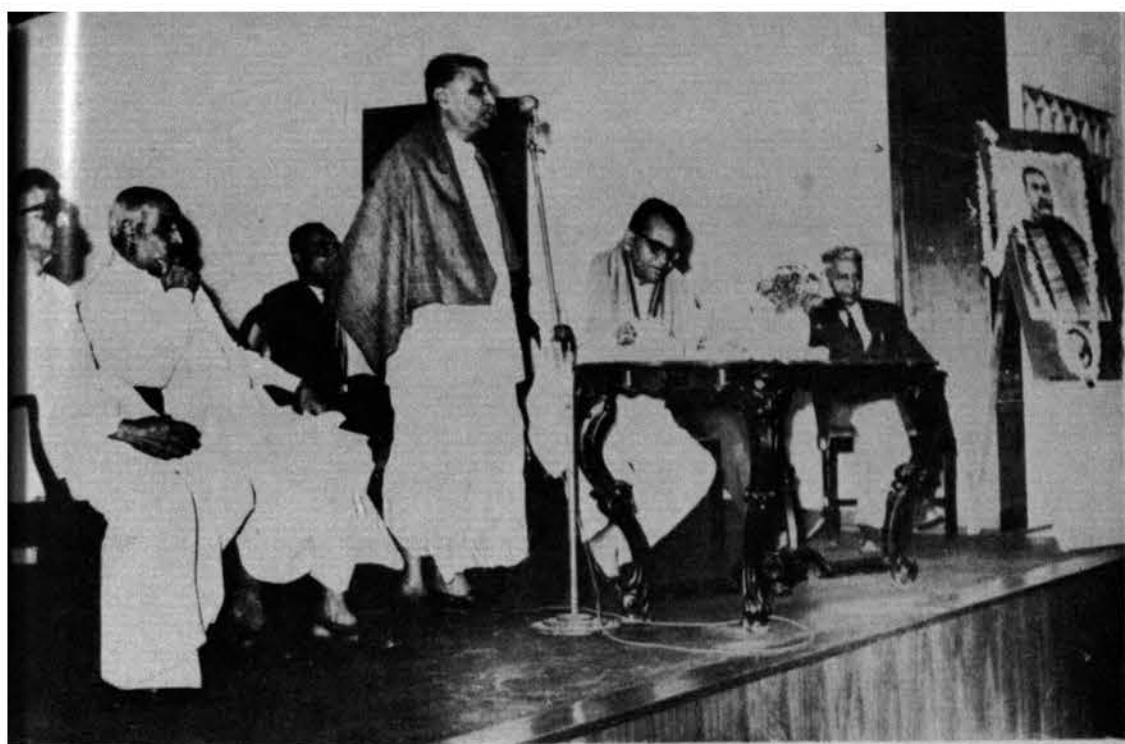


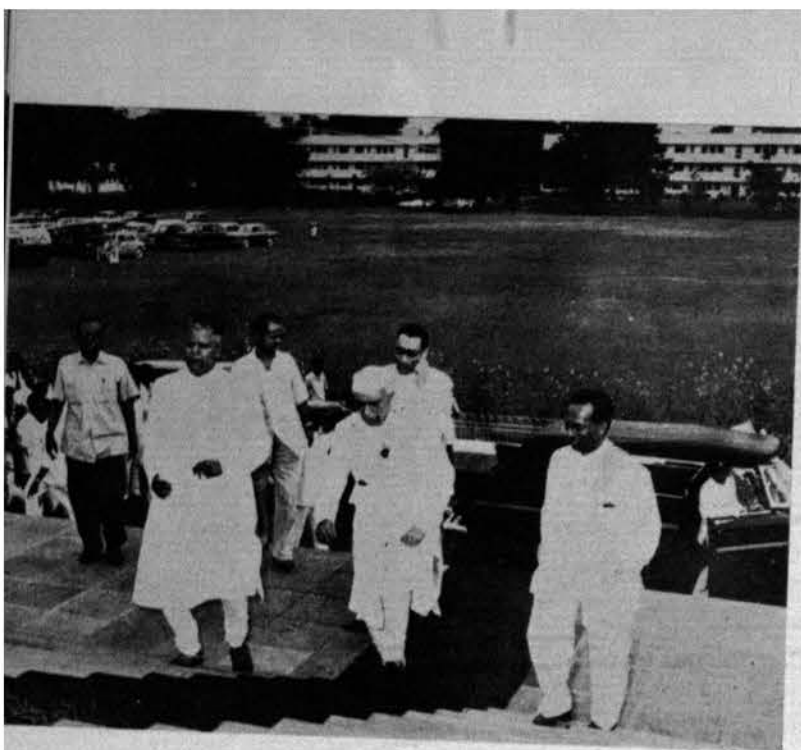
**CENTRAL REFERENCE LIBRARY  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE  
[ DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE ]  
INDIA**



The auditorium is meant for seminars, meetings, lectures, filmshows and the like. It can seat 200.







The library attracts many distinguished visitors. Educationists, scientists, librarians, religious leaders, Prime Ministers make time to come to the library when visiting Calcutta.









The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the library on 1 February 1953 happily coincided with the formal opening of the library at its new site at Belvedere.



## APPENDIX A

### FUNCTIONAL SET UP OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

*Director*

*Librarian*

*Deputy Librarians*

*Assistant Librarians*

*Administrative Officer*

*Each Division is headed by an Assistant Librarian.*

#### ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING :

Acquisition (Book Orders) Division  
Acquisition (Book Selection) Division  
Co-ordination Division  
English Serials Division  
Foreign Official Documents Division  
Gift & Exchange Division  
Indian Official Documents Division  
Maps & Prints Division  
Printed Catalogue Division  
Processing Division  
Stock Verification Division

#### LANGUAGES:

Arabic & Persian Division  
Assamese Division  
Bengali Division  
European Languages Division  
Gujarati Division  
Hindi Division  
Kannada Division  
Malayalam Division  
Marathi Division  
Oriya Division  
Panjabi Division  
Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit Division  
Tamil Division  
Telugu Division  
Urdu Division

#### SERVICING:

Asutosh Collection  
Bibliography (General) Division  
Bibliography (Indology) Division  
Children's Library  
Esplanade Reading Room  
Lending Section  
Reading Room (Reference) Division  
Science & Technology Division  
Stacks (Annexe) Division  
Stacks (Main) Division

#### CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION:

Laboratory Division  
Preservation Division  
Rare Books Division  
Reprography Division

#### ADMINISTRATION AND ALLIED AGENCIES:

Administrative Division  
Exhibition Section  
Gardens Division

## APPENDIX B

### A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE CATALOGUES OF CALCUTTA PUBLIC LIBRARY/NATIONAL LIBRARY

#### CATALOGUES OF THE CALCUTTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Catalogue of the Calcutta Public Library. Calcutta, Sanders, Cones & Co. [Printers], 1855. 640 p.

Entries arranged under broad subject groups with sub-divisions. Appendix contains the catalogue of the Vernacular Literature Committee Library compiled by J. Long.

Catalogue of the Calcutta Public Library; part 1—containing prose works of fiction in the English & the French language, rev. up to January 1894. Calcutta, Sanyal & Co. [Printers], [n.d.]. 1 p. 1., 134 p. 23 cm.

Catalogue of the Calcutta Public Library; with a supplement, revised up to December 1898. Calcutta, Sanyal & Co. [Printers], [n.d.]. 1 p. 1., v, 1177 p. 24 cm.

Catalogue of publications in various Indian and European languages acquired by the Library between 1836 and 1898. Entries arranged under broad subject headings with sub-divisions.

#### CATALOGUES OF THE IMPERIAL LIBRARY (OFFICIAL)

Catalogue: Imperial Library; bibliography and encyclopaedias. Calcutta, [the Library], 1899. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., 17 p. 24 cm.

Entries arranged under two subject headings—Bibliography, and Encyclopaedias.

Catalogue: Imperial Library; geography, guide-books, and gazetteers, etc. Calcutta, [the Library], 1899. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., 42 p. 24 cm.

Entries arranged under the following subject headings—Geography; Guide-books, handbooks to India; Gazetteers, routes, and statistical accounts.

Catalogue of books and serial articles relating to language. Calcutta, [the Library], 1899. 3 p. 1., 760, 30 col. (395p.) 33 × 24 cm.

Entries arranged under names of the authors, subject headings, etc. in one alphabetical sequence.



General Catalogue for India and Southern Asia. Calcutta, [the Library], 1900.

Imperial Library Catalogue; Ceylon, Burma, other countries of Further India, Malasia, Australasia and Pacific Islands and America. Calcutta, [the Library], 1893. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., 15, 5 p. 25 cm.  
Entries arranged under the names of the countries.

Imperial Library Catalogue; India—education. Calcutta, [the Library], 1896. 31 p. 24 cm.

#### CATALOGUES OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

##### *European Languages : Author Catalogues*

Catalogue; part 1—author-catalogue of printed books in European languages, with a supplementary list of newspapers, vol. 1—A-L. Calcutta, [the Library], 1904. xii, 452 p. 30×24 cm.

First volume of the first author-catalogue published by the Library covering entries for authors beginning with letters A to L.

Catalogue; part 1—author-catalogue of printed books in European languages, with a supplementary list of newspapers, vol. 2—M-Z. Calcutta, [the Library], 1904. 2 p. 1., 453-822 p. 30×24 cm.

Second volume of the first author catalogue published by the Library, covering entries for authors beginning with letters M to Z.

Catalogue; part 1—author-catalogue of printed books in European languages, first supplement, vol. 1—A-L. Calcutta, [the Library], 1917. 370 p. 30×24 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters A to L of publications acquired up to the end of 1913.

Catalogue; part 1—author-catalogue of printed books in European languages, first supplement, vol. 2—M-Z, with appendix. Calcutta, [the Library], 1918. 2 p. 1., 371-668, 47 p. 30×24 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters M to Z of publications acquired up to the end of 1913.

Catalogue of books in the reading room with supplement and index, 2nd ed. Calcutta, [the Library], 1906. 1 p. 1., 76, 19 p. 30×25 cm.

First published in 1903. Entries arranged under the names of authors.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 1—A-B.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1941. 1 p. 1., vii, 519 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letter A and B of publications acquired up to the end of 1938.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 2—C-E.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1942. 1 p. 1., 521-1036 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters C to E of publications acquired up to the end of 1938.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 3—F-H.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1942. 1 p. 1., 1037-1543 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters F to H of publications acquired up to the end of 1938.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 4—I-L.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1943. 1 p. 1., 1545-1958 p. 25.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters I to L of publications acquired up to the end of 1938.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 5—M.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1953. 2 p. 1., 1959-2583 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letter M of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 6—N-P.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1954. 2 p. 1., 2585-3115 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters N to P of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 7—Q-R.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1956. 4 p. 1., 3117-3432 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters Q and R of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 8—S.  
Calcutta, [the Library], 1960. 1 p. 1., iv, 3433-4039 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letter S of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 9—T-V.  
Calcutta, the Library, 1963. 4 p. 1., 4041-4374 p. 24.5 cm.  
Contains entries for authors beginning with letters T to V of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; vol. 10—W-Z. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. 4 p. 1., 4375-4723 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters W to Z of publications catalogued up to the end of December 1950.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; supplement (1951-1961), vol. 1—A. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. 4 p. 1., 380 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letter A of publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; supplement (1951-1961), vol. 2—B. Calcutta, the Library, 1973. 3 p. 1., 381-1033 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letter B of publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; supplement (1951-1961), vol. 3—C. Calcutta, the Library, 1975. 4p. 1., 471 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letter C of publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in European languages; supplement (1951-1961), vol. 4—D-E. Calcutta, the Library, 1977. 4 p. 1., 337 p. 28.5 × 20.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters D to E of publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Select list of books added to the Imperial Library from 1938-1944. Calcutta, 1945.

#### *European languages: Subject Catalogues*

Catalogue; part 2—subject-index to the author catalogue, vol. 1—A-L. Calcutta, [the Library], 1908. 2 p. 1., 547 p. 25 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains entries for subjects beginning with letters A to L for publications in European languages acquired up to 1906.

Catalogue; part 2—subject-index to the author catalogue, vol. 2—M-Z. Calcutta, [the Library], 1910. 1 p. 1., 315 p. 25 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains entries for subjects beginning with letters M to Z for publications in European languages acquired up to 1906.

Catalogue; part 2—subject-index to the author catalogue, first supplement. Calcutta, [the Library], 1929. 1 p. 1., iii, 575 p. 25.5 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains entries for publications acquired between 1906 and 1927. Includes entries for important works in some of the Oriental languages in addition to works in European languages. Call numbers not assigned.

Catalogue; part 2—subject-index to the author-catalogue, second supplement (1928-1937). Calcutta [the Library], 1939. 1p. 1., ii, 360 p. 25.5 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains entries for publications in European languages acquired between 1928 and 1937.

Subject catalogue of printed books in European languages 1951-1961; vol. 1—A. Calcutta, the Library, 1966. 4 p.1., 341 p. 24 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains entries for subjects beginning with letter A for publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Subject catalogue of printed books in European languages 1951-61; vol. 2—B. Calcutta, the Library, 1973. 4 p.1., 219 p. 24.5 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue. Contains nearly 3000 entries for subjects beginning with letter B for publications acquired between 1951 and 1961.

Subject-index of works on political economy, industries, commerce and finance in the Imperial Library. Calcutta, [the Library], 1906. 2 p 1., 104 p. 25 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue of the books bearing on political economy, industries, commerce and finance. Entries arranged under topic headings.

#### *Indian Official Publications*

Catalogue; part 4—catalogue of Indian Official publications, vol. 1—A-L. Calcutta, [the Library], 1909. 3 p.1., 272 p. 31 × 24.5 cm.

Alphabetical subject catalogue of Indian Official publications. Contains entries for subjects beginning with letters A to L.

#### *Bengali*

Author-Catalogue of printed books in Bengali language, vol. 1—A-F. Calcutta, [the Library], 1941. 1 p.1., v. 282 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains nearly 40,500 entries for authors beginning with letters A to F of publications acquired up to the end of 1937, numbering about 22,000.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in Bengali language; vol. 2—G-L. Calcutta, [the Library], 1943. 321 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters G to L of publications acquired up to the end of 1937.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in Bengali language; vol. 3—M-R. Calcutta, the Library, 1959. 2 p.l., 491 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with the letters M to R of publications acquired up to the end of 1937.

Author-Catalogue of printed books in Bengali Language; vol. 4—S-Z. Calcutta, the Library, 1963. 2 p.l., 5, 445 p. 24 cm.

Contains entries for authors beginning with letters S to Z of books and periodicals acquired up to the end of 1937.

#### *Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit*

Catalogue of Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit books; Vol. 1—A-G. Calcutta, the Library, 1951. 1 p.l., vi, 333 p. 24.5 cm.

Author-catalogue of publications acquired up to 31st March 1947, entries covering letters A to G.

Catalogue of Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit books; vol. 2—H-Q. Calcutta, the Library, 1956. 3 p. 1., 427 p. 24 cm.

Author catalogue of publications acquired up to 31st March 1947, entries covering letters H to Q.

#### *Arabic, Persian, etc.*

Catalogue of Arabic, Persian and Urdu books in the Imperial Library, Calcutta. Calcutta, [the Library], 1915, 1 p. 11p. 36.5×26.5 cm.

Author-catalogue.

Catalogue raisonne of the Buhar Library; vol. 1—Catalogue of the Persian manuscripts in the Buhar Library, begun by Maulavi Qasim Hasir Radavi, rev. & completed by Maulavi Abd-ul-Muqtadir. Calcutta, the Library, 1921. xiii, 364 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for 485 Persian manuscripts with detailed annotation for each entry.

Catalogue raisonne of the Buhar Library; vol. 2—Catalogue of the Arabic manuscripts in the Buhar Library, by Shams-ul-'Ullama' M. Hidayat Husain. Calcutta, the Library, 1923. xi, 619 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for 467 Arabic manuscripts with detailed annotation for each entry.

### *Maps & Plans*

Catalogue of maps and plans in the Imperial Library. Calcutta, [the Library], 1910. 1 p. 1., 72 p. 25 cm.

Entries arranged under India, Provinces of India, Indian States, and names of countries other than India in one alphabetical sequence.

### *Serial Publications*

Catalogue of periodicals, newspapers & gazettes. Calcutta, [the Library], 1956. 1 p. 1., vi, 285 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains entries for serial publications in European languages in three parts—Part 1: Periodicals proper, Part 2: Serials other than Periodicals proper, and Part 3: Newspapers & gazettes. Entries arranged according to the second summary of the Dewey Decimal Scheme. Appended with an index for authors, titles, subjects, etc.

List of periodicals received in the Library, [Calcutta, the Library, n.d.]. 7 p. 33.5 cm.

Entries arranged alphabetically under the titles of the periodicals.

### *Asutosh Collections*

Catalogue of printed books in the Asutosh Collection; vol. 1—fine arts, etc. Calcutta, [the Library], 1957. 4 p. 1., 246 p. 24.5 cm.

Classified catalogue of the collection of Asutosh Mukherjee received as gift. First part contains entries for publications bearing on fine and recreative arts; second part entries for publications of the nature of rare illustrations, rare binding, illuminated books, manuscripts, bookplates, etc. Third part contains entries for biographies of artists. Entries arranged according to Dewey Decimal Scheme. Appended with an index for author, title, subject, etc.



Catalogue of printed books in the Asutosh Collection; vol. 2—literature: American & European. Calcutta, the Library, 1963. 6 p. l., 651 p. 24.5 cm.

Classified catalogue of the collection of Asutosh Mukherjee received as gift. Part 1: literature; part 2: biography of literary persons. Contains 4064 entries arranged according to Dewey Decimal Scheme. Appended with an index for authors, titles, subjects, etc.

### *Jadunath Sarkar Collection*

A catalogue of Persian manuscripts of Sir Jadunath Sarkar Collection. Comp. by S. M. Hasan. Calcutta, the Library, 1966. 3 p. l., 62 p. 32.5 × 20 cm.

Contains annotated entries for 206 Persian mss. in the collection of Jadunath Sarkar received as gift. Mimeographed.

## A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS OF NATIONAL LIBRARY

### BIBLIOGRAPHIES

A bibliography of dictionaries and encyclopaedias in Indian languages. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. 1 p. l., ix, 165 p. table. 23.5 cm.

Contains 2190 entries arranged under alphabetical order of Indian languages with sections for polyglot and encyclopaedias.

A bibliography of Indology, (enumerating basic publications on all aspects of Indian culture); vol. 1—Indian anthropology. Comp. by J. M. Kanitkar. Ed., rev. & eng. by D. L. Banerjee and A. K. Ohdedar. Calcutta, the Library, 1960. 1 p. l., xi, 290 p. 24 cm.

Contains 2067 entries arranged under regions—North-West, North, Sub-Himalayan, Indus plain, Rajasthan, Gangetic plain, Brahmaputra valley, Plateau of Peninsular India, East Coast, West Coast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. Includes entries for books and articles appearing in serial publications. Most of the entries annotated. Appended with an author index and a subject index.

A bibliography of Indology, (enumerating basic publications on all aspects of Indian culture); vol. 2—Indian botany, part 1—A-J. Comp. by V. Narayanaswami. Calcutta, the Library, 1961. xlii, 370 p. 24.5 cm.

Contains 5374 entries for authors beginning with the letters A to J. Includes entries for books and articles appearing in serial publications arranged by the names of the authors and then in chronological order. Most of the entries are annotated.

A bibliography of Indology, (enumerating basic publications on all aspects of Indian culture); vol. 2—Indian botany, part 2—K-Z. Comp. by V. Narayanaswami. Calcutta, the Library, 1965. xxx, 413 p. 24.5 cm. Contains 5770 entries for authors beginning with letters K to Z. Includes entries for books and articles appearing in serial publications arranged by the names of the authors and then in chronological order. Most of the entries are annotated.

A bibliography of Indology, (enumerating basic publications on all aspects of Indian culture); vol. 3—Bengali language and literature, part 1—early period. Comp. by S. C. Dasgupta. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. 2 p. 1., x, 390 p. 24.5 cm. Covers the period from the earliest known specimens of Bengali literature down to the end of 15th or early 16th century (i.e. pre-Chaitanya period). Contains 1769 annotated entries for books and articles from serial publications, arranged under relevant subject headings and then in chronological order. Appended with a general index for authors, titles, subjects, etc.

The Sapru correspondence: a check-list (first series), Comp. by A. K. Ohdedar. Calcutta, the Library, 1961. vi., 394 p. 24.5 cm. A check-list of correspondences between Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and others. Arranged by the names of the correspondents. Gives abstract of each letter. Appended with an index of correspondents and a subject-index.

Calcutta 1690-1900: an exhibition of books, maps, manuscripts and illustrations, November 17, 1967. Calcutta, the Library, 1967. Cover-title, ii, 72 p. 29.5 × 20.5 cm.

Mimeographed. Issued on the occasion of 38th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission and the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Calcutta Historical Society. Contains 455 entries arranged under the following subject headings—Almanacs, directories, gazetteers & guide-books; Associations; Calcutta in literature; Census; Commerce & industry; Description & travel; Education; Executive & judiciary; Fine arts; Flora & fauna; History; Institutions; Municipal government; Public health; Recreation; Religion; Social life; Views; Maps, plans & surveys; Manuscripts.

Early English education in India; a select list of documents. Calcutta, the Library, 1976. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., 19 p. 29×20.5 cm.

Mimeographed. Issued on the occasion of the bi-centenary of the birth of David Hare. Contains a chronology and bibliography in which entries are arranged under the authors.

18th century India: a select list of documents. Calcutta, the Library, 1976. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., 48 p. 29×20.5 cm.

*Contents:* A select list of books on India published during the 18th century; List of Govt. publications in 18th century; Select list of Govt. publications on the 18th century India; A select list of books on 18th century India; 18th century India—maps. Mimeographed. Issued on the occasion of the Multi-disciplinary Workshop on 18th Century India organised by the University of Calcutta.

1857 centenary exhibition of printed books, documents and illustrations at the National Library, Calcutta. Calcutta, the Library, 1957. Cover-title, 1 p. 1., xv, 67 p. plates, ports., bibl. 25 cm.

*Contents:* 1857 and after by Abul Kalam Azad (reproduced from Dr. S. N. Sen's *Eighteen fiftyseven*); some 1857 notabilities; A note on the literature of 1857 Revolt; Books by Europeans; Books by Indians; Works of imagination inspired by the Indian Revolt; Contemporary periodical literature; Pictorial books; Documents and photocopies of documents; Photocopies of illustrations.

Gorky in India: a select bibliography of translations & adaptations in Indian languages. Calcutta, the Library, 1968. Cover-title, 11, 26 p. 29.5×20.5 cm.

Mimeographed. Issued on the occasion of birth centenary of Gorky. Entries are arranged under following sections—A brief chronology; Works of Maxim Gorky in Russian; Maxim Gorky in Indian languages, translations and adaptations; Work on Maxim Gorky in Indian languages.

Index translationum indicarum; a cummulation of entries for India in 'Index translationum', Unesco, Paris, vols. 2-11. Comp. by D. L. Banerjee. Calcutta, the Library, 1963. 1 p. 1., x, 450 p. charts. 24.5 cm.

Contains 2870 entries for translations published in India during 1947-1958. Entries arranged under languages—Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Panjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.

List of books and articles on Assam, Sikkim and Bhotan. Calcutta, [the Library], 1904.

Ramananda Chatterjee birth centenary exhibition, May 28, 1966. Calcutta, the Library, 1966. Cover-title, ii, 29 p. 29.5×20.5 cm.

Mimeographed. Contains following sections—Ramananda Chatterjee 1865-1943, a chronology; Bibliography: Books and articles by Ramananda, Books and articles on Ramananda; Ramananda as editor; Books edited by Ramananda; Ramananda as a publisher; Letters written by Ramananda, Tagore's letters to Ramananda, letters from others.

Saratchandra Chattopadhyay centenary exhibition 1975. Calcutta, the Library, 1975. Cover-title, 1 p.l., ix, 42 p. 29×20.5 cm.

Mimeographed. Entries for works by and on Saratchandra grouped under the following languages—Bengali, Assamese, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Panjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, English, Ceylonese, Italian, Lithuanian and Russian.

Shakespeare in India: an exhibition of books and illustrations to celebrate the fourth birth centenary of William Shakespeare. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. 4 p.l., 45 p. plates, facsim., table. 28×21.5 cm.

*Contents:* Homage to Shakespeare by Rabindranath Tagore; William Shakespeare 1564-1616; India in Shakespeare; Shakespeare in India; Bibliography [works by and on Shakespeare grouped under major Indian languages].

Soviet books on India; an exhibition presented, at the request of the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Society, from August 25, 1971 to September 12, 1971; list of exhibits. Calcutta, the Library, 1971. 21 p. 29×20.5 cm.

Mimeographed.

Swami Vivekananda centenary exhibition 1964: a bibliography and a brief chronology. Calcutta, the Library, 1964. Cover-title, 1 p. l., 43, 6 p. table. 33×21 cm.

*Contents:* Works of Swami Vivekananda—Indian languages, Foreign languages [including English]; Works on Swami Vivekananda—Indian languages, Foreign languages [including English]; A brief chronology of his life.

## GENERAL

Annual report, 1903 - . Calcutta, Govt. of India Press, 1904 - . - v. 24 cm.  
1903-1947: Annual report of the Imperial Library; 1948 - : Annual report of the National Library.

Asutosh Mukhopadhyay: centenary exhibition 1965. Calcutta, the Library, 1965. 2 p. 1., 35 p. plates, ports. 24.5 cm.

*Contents:* Asutosh Mukhopadhyay 1864-1924; A brief chronology; Asutosh Mukhopadhyay Collection [received by the Library as gift]; Bibliography [of works by Asutosh Mukhopadhyay and works on him].

Author table for Indian names. [Calcutta, the Library], 1961. 1 p. 1., viii, 255 p. 24.5 cm.

For the use of the Indian libraries as an alternative to Cutter's author-mark while assigning Call number.

The Carey exhibition of early printing and fine printing. Calcutta [the Library], 1955. 3 p. 1., 41 p. illus., facsims. 28×21.5 cm.

The Exhibition was organised by the Library in memory of William Carey. Contains a brief note on early printing in India and an annotated list of exhibits.

Directions for the arrangement of the author-catalogue of the Imperial Library, Calcutta. Calcutta, [the Library], 1903. Cover-title, 10 p. 24 cm.

Exhibition of manuscripts, books, process of illustrations object d'art and folk painting, arranged by the National Library of India at Calcutta on the occasion of the Eleventh All India Library Conference, April 1956. Calcutta, the Library, 1956. 58 p. illus., ports., facsims (part. col.) 27.5×22 cm.

*Contents:* A brief history Indian writing: An introduction to early printing; An introduction to early Indian printing; Carey, Marshman and Ward; Indian printing to-day; Reproduction of illustrations; Paintings by Sri Mahitosh Biswas; Object d'art (Mrs. Arjun Ray).

Guide to the Imperial Library; 14th ed. (reprint). By K. M. Asadullah. Calcutta, [the Library], 1932. Cover-title, 20 p. 14 cm.

"...has been compiled with the object of making known to the public the resources of the Imperial Library and showing the way in which they may be best utilised."—p. 1.



Harinath De: centenary volume. Ed. by M. N. Nagaraj. Calcutta, the Library, 1977. 78 p. front. illus., plates, facsims., bibl. 22 cm.

*Contents:* Bande Mataram of Bankim tr. by Harinath De; A lament of Madhusudan tr. by Harinath De; Tributes by A. A. Suhrawardy, Yamakami Sogen, J. A. Chapman, E. Denison Ross; Harinath De, a centennial homage by Sunil Bandopadhyay; Harinath De, a chronology; Bibliography—writings of Harinath De, writings on Harinath De; Harinath De Collection, an inventory.

Hints to readers. Calcutta, [the Library], 1904. Cover-title, 7 p. 15.5 cm.

India's national Library, by B. S. Kesavan. Calcutta, the Library, 1961. xii p. 21., 300 p. Col. front., plates, ports., facsims., tables. 24 cm.

*Contents:* The National Library—its history, growth and future; Printed Catalogues, Card Catalogues and Classification; Services of the Library; Administrative set-up of the Library; Technical Divisions of the Library; Indian language collections; Major gift collections; Indian National Bibliography Division of the Central Reference Library; Appendices.

The National Library of India: golden jubilee souvenir, Sunday, 1st February, 1953. Calcutta, [the Library], 1953. 3 p. 1., 54 p. plates, ports. 26.5 × 21 cm.

*Contents:* History, growth and future of the National Library; Brief history of Belvedere; Perspective in time; List of Chairmen, members and secretaries [of the Governing Council]; The National Library forty years ago; Bibliography of Indology; Towards a basic bibliography of Indology; The Section on ancient Indian history and culture; The Section on Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit; A short account of the Buhar Library; List of librarians; Senior staff of the National Library; Publications; In memorium; Our thanks; An extract from the Englishmen.

Rules for compiling the catalogues of printed books, maps, etc. in the Imperial Library. Calcutta, [the Library], 1913. 45 l. 25.5 cm.

Printed by order of the Council. For the use of Imperial Library.

Shelf arrangement of books in the Imperial Library, [Calcutta, the Library, n.d.]. 1 p. 1., 19 p. 33.5 cm.

Schedule of the classification scheme of documents adopted by the Imperial Library.



## APPENDIX C

### FACTS AT A GLANCE

Opening of the Imperial Library	..	1903
Shift to Belvedere	..	1948
Change of name to National Library	.. September	1948
Formal opening of Belvedere by Maulana Azad	.. February 1	1953
Foundation of the Annexe by Jawaharlal Nehru	.. May 8	1961
Number of working days in a year	..	362
Total number of books in the Library	..	15,99,899
Total number of books in the Indian languages	..	3,23,768
Total number of manuscripts	..	3,001
Total number of maps	..	72,075
Total number of current periodicals	.. (Titles)	17,991
Total number of bound vols. of periodicals	..	97,572
Publications received as gift & exchange	..	3,35,261
Publications received under the Act	..	5,39,278
Indian official publications	..	2,53,329
U.N. and foreign govt. publications	..	3,16,729
Annual budget grant: Non-Plan	.. Rs.	55,00,000.00
Plan	.. Rs.	20,06,000.00
Budget grant for purchase of publications	.. Rs.	12,00,000.00
Average number of books received per day	..	237
Average number of issues of current periodicals recorded per day	..	994
Average number of volumes issued per day in the reading rooms	..	394
Average number of readers	..	989
Average number of books issued per day from Lending Section	..	247
Average number of letters received per day	..	77
Average number of letters despatched per day	..	140
Average number of laminated per day	..	19
Average number of leaves deacidified per day	..	82
Average number of volumes bound per day	..	29
Number of staff	..	760
Total number of members of Reading Room	..	18,729
Total number of borrower of Lending Section	..	26,310